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New Orleans, April 12th 1877.

Sir,

I have the honor to ask you in the name of nearly one hundred thousand aggrieved Republican voters who won your National and their own local battle last November, to invoke a meeting at which sentiments of sympathy and fellowship may receive open expression.

The commission despatched here by the President is, I have reason to believe thoroughly persuaded of the justice of the Republican claim. The only exception is perhaps Ex. Gov. Brown, of Tennessee. The merchants of this City wherein alone the pretender Nicholls is substantially intrenched are loud in their complaints against the costly usurpation, which they have been lately assessed to subsist.

The personal revenues of Gov. Packard and of his friends are about spent and many colored as well as white who stand steadfastly by him have

given their all in the maintenance of his legitimate government. He has most favorably impressed the Commission and will hold the President to a recognition of the rights of an outraged people, — at least until he shall fall by the White League bullet. If need be to yield, he will retire only inch by inch before the White League swarm.

Now like you can help us materially in the struggle which if it bears us down, will embolden the whole South to renew its experiment of 61. We call upon you and your friends as American brethren to strengthen our weary arms, convoke meetings and subscribe monetary aid. We entreat you to permit no delay.

With great solicitude for our imperilled interest and profound respect for yourself,

I have the honor to remain

Very respectfully Your obt. Svt.

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Pres't Rep. State Cutral Com. of La.

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